

Senate File 193 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 193
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1058)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the removal of human remains by a person
2 other than a funeral director.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 156.1, Code 2023, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. "*Removal*" means the act of taking
4 human remains from the place of death or place where the human
5 remains are being held to a funeral establishment or other
6 designated place.

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. "*Removal specialist*" means a person
8 registered with the board to perform removals.

9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 156.5 **Removal specialists.**

10 The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to allow
11 a funeral director, without first assuming custody of human
12 remains, to delegate to a removal specialist the ability to
13 perform a removal regardless of whether the funeral director
14 is present. The board shall consider the prerequisites for
15 registration, including any required training that the removal
16 specialist shall complete prior to performing a removal.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to the removal of human remains by a
21 person other than a funeral director. The bill defines
22 "removal" as the act of taking human remains from the place
23 of death or place where the human remains are being held to
24 a funeral establishment or other designated place. The bill
25 requires the board of mortuary science to adopt rules allowing
26 a funeral director, without first taking custody of human
27 remains, to delegate to a removal specialist the removal of
28 human remains, regardless of whether the funeral director is
29 present. The board is required to consider prerequisites for
30 the registration of a person as a removal specialist, including
31 any required training.